

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

09-0163R

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FREE CONVEYANCE OF TAX FORFEITED LAND FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF GRAND AVENUE AT RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

CITY PROPOSAL:

RESOLVED, that the Saint Louis County Board of Commissioners is hereby requested to free convey to the city of Duluth the following tax forfeited parcels for roadway purposes:

Ironton Second Division, Block 55, Lots 1-3 inclusive (part of Parcel ID 2530-11420).

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

PC/PLNG KD:cm 2/27/2009

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests that the Saint Louis County Board of Commissioners free-convey the described tax forfeited land for roadway purposes.

The city of Duluth reconstructed a realignment of 85th Avenue West (aka Riverside Drive) at Grand Avenue in 2006. In order to improve the intersection geometrics the street was curved to intersect with Grand Avenue at a 90 degree angle instead of the 45 degree angle as it was previously constructed. This necessitated that the street be built upon vacant tax forfeited lots. The city engineering division is now in the process of acquiring the use deed for these three lots.

This request was reviewed by the city planning commission at its February 18, 2009. The commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that the city council request the free conveyance of this property to the city of Duluth.

This free conveyance of tax forfeited land to the city is a public-to-public transfer; therefore, there is no tax base impact at this time. In addition, the land will not be available to join the tax base in the future.